

**REMARKS**

The Notice of Allowance mailed December 16, 2009, has been received and its contents carefully noted. This response is filed within three months of the mailing date of the Notice and therefore is believed to be timely without extension of time. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for Continued Examination*. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.


The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed July 14, 2006, and June 2, 2008.

Claims 1-3, 5-10, 12, 13 and 15 are pending in the present application, of which claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 15 are independent. **The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-3, 5-10, 12, 13 and 15.** Claims 8 and 9 have been amended to correct minor informalities. Specifically, claim 8 has been amended to recite "wherein a laser spot of the ~~second~~ third laser beam covers the whole beam spot of the ~~first~~ fourth laser beam on the irradiation surface," and claim 9 has been amended to recite "wherein a laser spot of the ~~second~~ fifth laser beam covers the whole beam spot of the ~~first~~ fourth laser beam on the irradiation surface." For the reasons of record, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(a), 1.20(b), 1.20(c), and 1.20(d) (except the Issue Fee) which may be required now or hereafter, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2280.

Respectfully submitted,



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